

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
July 12, 2010

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The Regular Meeting was called to order by Director Maltese at 7:00 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Office at the East Windsor High School, 76 S. Main Street, East Windsor, CT.

PRESENT: Commissioners Raber, Balch, Balula and Szymanski; Park Director Maltese and Mary Lou Morell from the Park Office.

ABSENT: Commissioner Simpkins.

GUESTS: None

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum was established as four commission members were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the June 14, 2010 were not available for the meeting.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. BMX Skate Park

Commissioner Balula reported there will be a fundraising event at Chicago Sam's next week where 10% of the food and alcohol receipts will be donated to the Park. The BMX group will also be participating in the Taste of East Windsor event.

OLD BUSINESS (continued):

b. Dog Owners' Park

Many members of this group attended the meeting for discussion this evening. Robin Chesky reported they have in excess of \$19,000. The Site Plan has been approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission, Inland/Wetlands Commission and the First Selectman.

Robin Chesky presented fencing quotes from three companies. Advance Fence had the lowest quote as this contractor is donating his labor for the installation. Fence height will be 4 feet. Acreage at the park is 1.06 acres.

MOTION: To ACCEPT the \$13,750 bid from Advance Fence for fencing of the Dog Owner's Park.

Szymanski moved/Balula seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

A discussion followed regarding the type of chip surface. Granby uses poly chips (playground grade) and South Windsor has contractor wood chips. Questions were raised if dogs could get diseases from diseased tree chips and if they could injure their food pads due to jagged edge of chips. Six veterinarians have said no. Commissioner Szymanski asked for documentation to that fact as there is a substantial price difference between wood chips and playground quality mulch.

Jim Hendsey has been in contact with the State Dog Warden who has no preference as to the type of mulch to be used. It was suggested to check with the insurance carrier to be sure they have no issue with use of wood chips.

MOTION: To ACCEPT wood chips from C L & P and OBTAIN documentation from veterinarians as to the safety of product for this use.

Balch moved/Szymanski seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

Discussion took place regarding the use of road millings for the parking lot. It was suggested to contact large road construction companies to acquire millings. The required number of parking spaces is 20 not 11 as previously thought.

Park Rules have been reviewed by the Public Works Department. Any child under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult and a dog. Final review of rules will be on a future agenda.

Director Maltese stated that the Volunteer Waiver has been approved by the Town Attorney and can be obtained from the First Selectman's Office. Contractors must obtain any building permits and present a copy of their current certificate of insurance.

OLD BUSINESS (continued):

- c. Review of EWP ball field electric bills

No discussion this evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Financial Accounts Review

The monthly report for June was presented but does not include all of expenses for the end of the fiscal year.

The 2010-2011 budget figures are not available at this time as it has not been decided where the 2% increase goes. The opinion of the Town Attorney has been sought.

- b. Pop Warner Youth Football

Director Maltese reported she has received no further contact and this item will be removed from future agendas.

- c. Park Director's Report

Director Maltese reported that swim lessons have been scheduled. Only one session will be offered but will have co-teachers to allow for larger class sizes.

The North Central Newspaper now contains an East Windsor news section and is part of their circulation. It is delivered to every address and every post office box in town. The circulation consists of East Windsor, Enfield, Ellington, Somers and Stafford. \$1,500 of sponsorships is needed each month to continue. Only positive town news will be printed along with general town information.

Summer camp started last week with 30+ campers and 7 C.I.T.'s. Field trips will be offered each week.

Director Maltese reported there was a pavilion issue the weekend of 4th of July. There was a mess in the park which took staff hours to clean up.

Lifeguards have had 5 to 10 saves this year. Patrons underestimate the depth of the water.

There was vandalism at the Pavilion. The steel door and jamb were damaged and estimated cost of repair is \$750. Over the weekend there was an issue at the Gate House.

NEW BUSINESS/c. Park Director's Report (continued):

There is a big problem with swimming after hours this year. The police are being called to address this issue. The police are requesting a rolling gate opened by remote to allow for convenient routine patrol of the park. Pricing for this project will be investigated.

Leagues/Abbe Road Soccer Complex/Broad Brook Pond Park/ Pierce Memorial Park (Windsorville)/ Prospect Hill Park (Warehouse Point)/Warehouse Point (Osborn Field) Park:

No discussion this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Director Maltese read a letter from Andy Hoffman regarding the memorial tree planting for his brother, Barry Hoffman.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Planning and Zoning Commission sent to the Board of Selectmen approval to install a Heart Trail by the East Windsor Athletic Club at the East Windsor Middle School.

Commissioner Balula questioned why the High School soccer teams could not practice at Abbe Road. Director Maltese told her that the Abbe Road complex was a game-only facility per the Commission when it was installed. If a new proposal was put forth the Commission would have to review and approve it. A field at East Windsor High School has been set up and maintained for summer usage.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The bills were reviewed and signed by Commissioners Raber and Szymanski.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**Balch moved/Balula seconded/VOTE: In Favor:
Unanimous**

Respectfully submitted, _____
Mary Lou Morell
Recording Secretary